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It's Not Over Yet . . .

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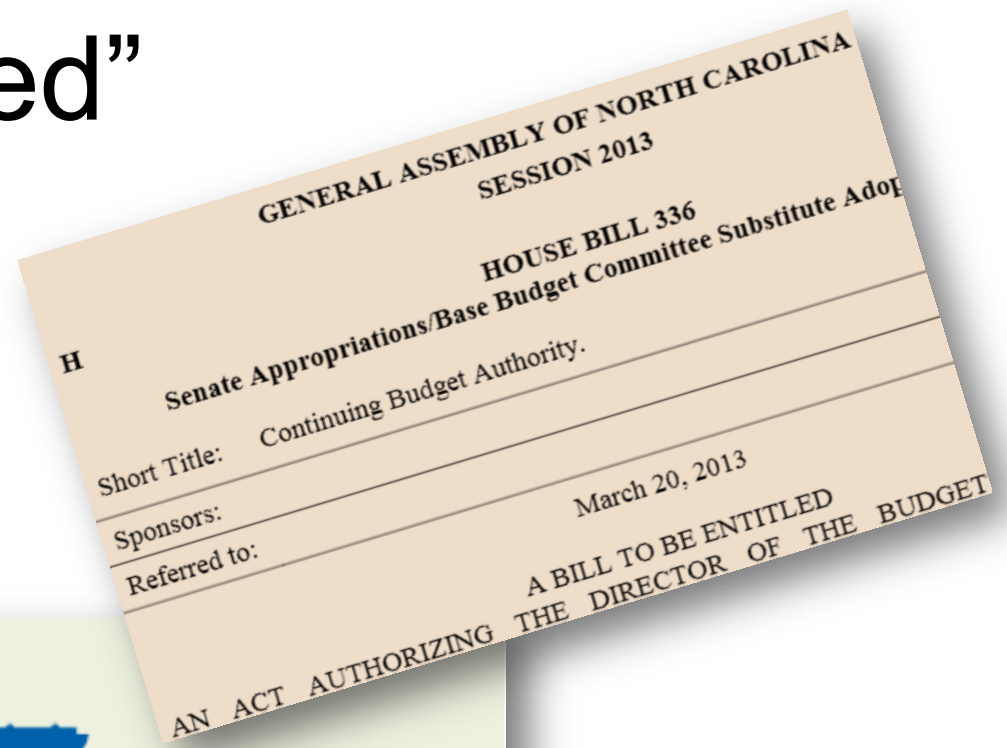
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Tuesday wrap: OT guaranteed

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The Senate and House passed a continuing resolution Tuesday to keep state government running in July, guaranteeing that budget negotiations will stretch into the new fiscal year, which starts next Monday.



Budget CR (HB336)



- Authorizes current operations thru July 31st
- Limits funding to 95% of authorized level
- Implements budget cuts not in controversy, including position cuts
- Freezes all salaries at current levels
- Funds public school ADM increase (\$10.6M) and Medicaid shortfall (\$496M)
- Increases Community College tuition



EM Bills Still In Play

Bill	Status
SB377 Suspend Truck Inspections Authorizes Governor to suspend weight inspections of agribusiness trucks in emergency area	Passed both chambers
HB362 Dept. of Public Safety Changes Makes a number of technical and substantive changes to Dept. of Public Safety (latest version does not contain authorization for Secretary to spend up to \$2M for emergency mobilization)	Passed House; Senate calendar 6/26

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Bill	Status
SB38 (HB15) Various Emergency Management Changes Treats state Parks & Rec and Forestry Division law enforcement vehicles like other law enforcement vehicles (lights, sirens, speed limit exemption, motorist pull-over); requires DPS to study use of inmates for disaster clean-up and mitigation (recommended by Jt. EM Oversight Committee)	Passed Senate; pending in House Environment committee (HB15 passed House)

Joint Emergency Management Oversight Committee

Co-Chairs: Rep. John Faircloth, Sen. Brent Jackson

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Bill	Status
HB95 Standard of Proof/Public Safety Dispatchers Creates “clear and convincing evidence” standard of proof for civil actions against 911 and PSAP dispatchers in performance of duties	Passed House; pending in Senate JII committee
HB345 Increase Penalties for Misuse of 911 System Increases penalty for misusing 911 system to Class 1 misdemeanor (was Class 3); delays implementing operating standards set by 911 Board to Jan 1, 2015; requires study of composition of 911 board, development of operating standards for PSAPs and training/certification for dispatchers, “next generation 911,” and administration of 911 fund	Passed House, pending in Senate JII committee

What About????

Bill	Status
HB327 Fire and Rescue Pension Revisions of 2013 Eliminates current Board of Trustees and transfers oversight to Local Gov't Employees Retirement System Board	Passed House unanimously; referred to Senate Appropriations committee; not in either budget bill
HB458 (SB372) Omnibus County Legislation Current version of both bills do not contain original provisions for e911 study	Each version passed to the other chamber and still pending

What About????

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<p>HB452 2013 School Safety Act</p> <p><i>Requires LEAs to conduct system-wide safety and lock-down exercise every two years and each school to conduct same exercise every year</i>; schematic diagrams of each school facility and keys to each school given to local law enforcement; LEAs must establish anonymous tip line; safety components of school improvement plans not subject to public records or open meetings laws; school crisis kits must be placed in each school; charter and regional schools must adopt emergency response plans; DPI must develop crisis training modules for school employees; <i>sheriffs and police chiefs may establish volunteer SRO programs (volunteers must be ex-law enforcement or ex-military police and must receive training)</i></p>	<p>Passed House unanimously, pending in Senate Education committee since April 29th</p>

Now What???

- Major conference negotiations:
 - Tax plans
 - Budget
- Committees wind down
- Adjourn by end of July?



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